CALTRANS CONSTRUCTION ALERT

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STATE ROUTE 198 HANFORD EXPRESSWAY LANE CLOSURES BEGIN

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Flatiron Construction announces the beginning of night-time lane closures during the State Route 198 Hanford Expressway Widening Project in Kings County.

This \$50 million dollar project will convert an approximate 10 mile section of existing two lane conventional highway to a four lane controlled access expressway. The project limits are in Kings and Tulare Counties from east of State Route 43 in Hanford to west of State Route 99 near Visalia. Approximately 7 miles are in Kings County, with approximately 3 miles in Tulare County.

Night-time lane closures will be as follows:

7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. nightly, beginning Sunday evening and ending Friday morning of each week. There will be no lane closures on Friday or Saturday evenings. Construction crews will conduct lane closures utilizing one-way traffic control from the Kings County line to just east of State Route 43 near Hanford. Commuters will be subject to delays and are encouraged to take alternate routes whenever possible.

As part of a partnership with The California Highway Patrol (CHP), CHP enforcement will be present during construction to provide extra support for traffic control.

Caltrans would like to thank the residents and commuters for their patience during this improvement project. The public is asked to drive with extra care while traveling through the construction area and please **Slow of the Cone Zone**.

For updates and information regarding lane closures, commuter alerts and construction schedules during the length of this construction project, visit the Caltrans District 6 website, at **www.dot.ca.gov/dist6** and click on the Hanford Expressway logo.



